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SUBJECT: PROTEST BY AMERICAN INDIAN MOVEMENT FIELD DIRECTOR
VERNON BELLECOURT; PRESS CONFERENCE PLANNED

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1. THE SUBJECT COMPLAINED TO CONGEN THAT HE WAS DISCRIMINATED AGAINST AS A "NATIVE BORN AMERICAN" WHEN HE WAS DETAINED FOR FOUR HOURS AT THE TORONTO AIRPORT JANUARY 22ND. IN HIS FIRST CONTACT WITH CONGEN IN JANUARY 25, HE REQUESTED THAT THIS OFFICE LODGE A PROTEST WITH THE CANADAIN AUTHORITES ABOUT HIS TREATMENT AT THE AIRPORT. WE AGREED TO INQUIRE INFORMALLY ABOUT THE MATTER AND THAT WE WOULD ADVISE HIM LATER ABOUT ANY COURSE OF ACTION THAT MIGHT BE TAKEN.

2. MR. BELLECOURT STATED THAT HE WAS TO BE THE KEY SPEAKER AT A GATHERING OF THE AMERICAN INDIAN MOVEMENT (AIM) THAT TOOK PLACE IN TORONTO ON JANUARY 22. HE SAID THAT BECAUSE OF HIS HARRASSMENT AT THE AIRPORT HE WAS UNABLE TO ADDRESS THE GROUP WHICH WHICH STARTED AT THE ONTARIO COLLEGE OF MUSIC AND ENDED IN A MARCH AT THE CONSULATE. ARTICLE IN JANUARY 21 TORONTO GLOBE AND MAIL QUOTED SUBJECT THAT HE FREQUENT VISITOR TO CANADA WITH WIFE AND DAUGHTER IN MANITOBA AND THAT BORDER CROSSING USUALLY TAKES ONLY A FEW MINUTES. REFTEL REPORTING TO
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RSO ON DEMONSTRATION AT CONGEN NOTED THAT BELLECOURT ARRIVED BY LIMOUSINE AFTER GROUP HAD DISPERSED.

3. HE SAID FURTHER, THAT HE HAD ENGAGEED THE LAW FIRM OF NORMAN SLOTKIN, PERSONAL ATTORNEY KATHY BEEMISH, TELEPHONE (416) 536-5318, TO HELP HIM IN LEGAL ACTION HE INTENDED TO TAKE AGAINST CANADIAN AUTHORITIES.HE ALSO SAID THAT HE WAS CALLING A PRESS

CONFERENCE SCHEDULED TO BE HELD IN TORONTO AT 10 A.M. JANUARY

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